

TRANSPORTATION BRANCH  
SERVICES DIVISION  
MONTHLY REPORT FOR  
August 1958

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1. Accomplishments

✓ During the past month the Transportation Branch received a travel report on the Trans-Siberian Railroad (ONI, 99-S-58; 3 July 58, Secret). This report, prepared by [REDACTED] is one of the most comprehensive trip reports ever received in the community. A preliminary review indicates that the activity noted on the line corresponds much closer to the ORR judgment of Trans-Siberian capacity than it does to the estimates presented in the recent Army report, "Capability of the Trans-Siberian Railroad." ACSI is now making a careful review of the trip report to determine its impact upon the Army report. Upon completion of this review it is expected that ACSI will recommend that ORR participate in the preparation of a new estimate on the capability of the Trans-Siberian Railroad. 25X1X7

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✓ [REDACTED] is working with the East-West Contacts Staff, Department of State on a proposed US-USSR Highway Exchange. On 5 September he will participate in the drafting of an aide-memoire inviting the USSR to send Soviet highway specialists to the January 1959 meeting of the Highway Research Board, and requesting reciprocity for a visit of US highway specialists to the USSR. The Bureau of Public Roads has agreed to sponsor the Soviet visit to the US and the US visit to the USSR.

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Mr. [REDACTED] reviewed and commented on an OCE draft paper on Soviet civil aviation policies toward the Middle East.

The Transportation Branch is submitting for the AD/RR's approval and signature a long-term training proposal to OTR. This proposal would call for Agency sponsorship of attendance at the Transportation Center at Northwestern University.

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Mr. [REDACTED] attended a meeting with representatives from FDD to discuss the activities of the Joint Press Reading Service.


2. Administration

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✓ [REDACTED] has left the branch on one year's LWOP to assume teaching duties at Mississippi Southern College.


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Project Number	Title	Analyst(s)
✓ 00.2416	Statement on Priority Gaps in Intelligence (EuSats Inland Transport)	25X1A9a
✓ S-355	Shipment of Selected Materials to Communist China	
✓ CSM 599	"Leap Forward" Brings Congestion to Yangtze River Transportation	
✓ CIWR-II	Communist China Expanding Civil Air Services	

In addition, Branch personnel coordinated and reviewed several items for CSS.


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✓ Mrs.  prepared three items on Soviet shipping activities in the Middle East and Indonesia.

B. Projects Underway

Project Number	Title	Analyst(s)	Remarks	
10.1803	Chincom NIE			
40.2241	Middle East Shipping			
43.1956	Transport Contribution to ComChin GNP		Overdue	
43.1957	Rail Transport in Soviet South Siberia		Overdue	
43.1959	EuSats Transport Systems: East Germany Poland		Both Overdue	
43.1960	Capital Investment in Arctic Transportation		25X1A9a	Due date not renegotiated
43.2293	Standardization of Soviet Bloc Transportation			Overdue in Branch
43.2294	Polish Civil Air			
43.2296	USSR Missile Units			
43.2298	USSR Missile Launching Systems			

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43.2301	ComChin Dependence on Foreign Shipping		25X1A9a
43.2304	Communist China's Inland Water Transport		
43.2305	Transport Trends in the USSR		
43.2306	Soviet Merchant Fleet Operations		
43.2309	Communist China's Highway Transport		

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